

3 COUNCILMEN KILL RABIES LAW; ISSUE GOES TO VOTERS IN APRIL

By a vote of 3-2 the Torrance City Council killed the proposed rabies law Tuesday night. An alternate proposal to place the issue before the voters on next April's ballot was passed unanimously.

The Council also ordered the strict enforcement of the leash law.

Spearheading the defeat of the ordinance Tuesday night was Councilman Nick Drale whose motion for disapproval was seconded by Councilman Willys G. Blount. They were joined by Councilman Mervin M. Schwab.

Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Victor E. Benstead staunchly supported the rabies law to the very end.

"Dogs Or Children"
"It seems to me this is a matter of dogs or children,"

Benstead stated. "I base my opinion on medical authorities and the County Health Department. They're the people who can tell you if this is the proper thing or not. I'm for the ordinance."

Mayor Isen also defended the measure stating: "I have personally given this law a lot of thought. I feel it is a step forward to adopt a compulsory ordinance. I am not afraid of compulsory ordinances."

He went on to say that a very respectable concept in a democratic society is that the individual "must give up some of his rights for the health, welfare and safety of others."

Isen said he voted for the measure because he sincerely believed that this is what the people desired. While Benstead was the one who originally called for

the study of a rabies ordinance, Councilman Drale, who seconded that motion at the time, argued against the ordinance Tuesday night.

'Discriminatory'

"First I'd like to tackle the ordinance," he began. "It is discriminatory . . . I have been raised in labor ranks and I am familiar with discriminatory tactics."

"Furthermore, there are twice as many cats running free as dogs and all types of fur-bearing animals may contract rabies."

"I have three children and a dog," he continued, adding by way of a jest, "I have talked it over with my dog and he does not want to be shot."

Drale then went on to praise "Republican President

Eisenhower's" suggestion that the Salk vaccine be made available free of charge provided the parents' consent is given.

"This is the American way to have things done," he exclaimed dramatically.

Councilman Schwab brought up the case of a watered-down rabies law discovered to have been enacted in Torrance in 1934. (The law calls for vaccination of strays only if the Council declares an emergency following a rabies outbreak).

Leash Law

Schwab indicated that even that law had never been enforced, much less a new one, although he added that he was not saying that it could not be enforced.

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EDITORIAL

Three Torrance Councilmen killed the rabies law by voting 'NO' Tuesday night. They are Councilmen Nickolas O. Drale, Willys G. Blount, and Mervin Schwab.

This is a matter of record to be remembered by Torrance voters at election time.

By their action these three Councilmen have shown that they have more faith in the forces of hysteria, distortion and irrationality than in the forces of reason and logic based on the irrefutable testimony of experts and authorities.

Their action serves as a bland affirmation that they would sooner go to a witch doctor than to a physician.

Only two men had the strength and the courage of their convictions. They were Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Victor E. Benstead who clearly and forcefully declared themselves in favor of the rabies law.

We are glad that the Council at least saw fit to let the people decide on the matter at the general election this coming April when the rabies issue will be placed on the ballot.

We feel that the people will give the three cautious councilmen the answer they were afraid to express.

In the meantime, the cases of animal rabies, human Pasteur treatments, and potential tragedy which may occur will rest squarely on the conscience of Councilmen Blount, Drale and Schwab. That is what they chose.

Boys, 12 and 15, Involved

LOCAL GIRL BOOKED FOR PEDDLING DOPE

Two young brothers, 12 and 15 years old, suspected by sheriff's deputies of helping their older sister peddle heroin were arrested together with their sister and two Torrance teenagers Monday.

The boys were believed to have acted as "pushers" for their sister, Barbara Mae Roberts, 20, of 2058 North Figueroa street. Also arrested in Mrs. Roberts' apartment were Carolyn (Red) Hill, 18, of 18527 Faldia street, Torrance, and Thelma (Fritzi) Pugh, 19, of 1416 Elm avenue, Torrance.

Mrs. Roberts is being held on charges of selling heroin and employing minors in the narcotics traffic. Mrs. Pugh is charged with the illegal sale of heroin. The Hill girl was released on grounds of insufficient evidence, according to Capt. Kenneth Irving, head of the sheriff's narcotics squad.

Deputies made the arrest after making actual purchases from the Roberts and Pugh girls as well as the two young

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Reveal Plan To Improve Alondra Park

Plans to convert the Alondra Lake island into a year-round play paradise, limited and planned exclusively for children, will be revealed by County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn in ceremonies at the park on Wednesday, August 3, at 3:30 p.m., it was announced today.

New Diamond

Other changes to be made in the \$143,225 improvement program for the local park include a new standard baseball diamond, with night lights and bleachers; new facilities and beautification of area east of the lake for picnicking; extensive landscaping and alterations to the swimming pools, the supervisor said.

All improvements are slated to be made during the current fiscal year.

Public Invited

The ceremony on August 3, which will be open to the public, will include posting three

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EARLY BIRD SURE GOT THIS ONE . . .

Results with rocket-like speed—that's the story of Torrance Press classified ads.

Mrs. T. D. Ulrich of 21112 Hobart will testify to that.

She had a refrigerator for sale. Before she even had a chance to find her ad in Thursday morning's paper, an eager reader had spotted it and contacted her about the refrigerator. Mrs. Ulrich sold it on the spot.

Her inexpensive ad read as follows:

REFRIG. — Refrigerator. Excellent condition. Unconditionally guaranteed. \$50. 21112 Hobart Blvd. FA. 8-1442

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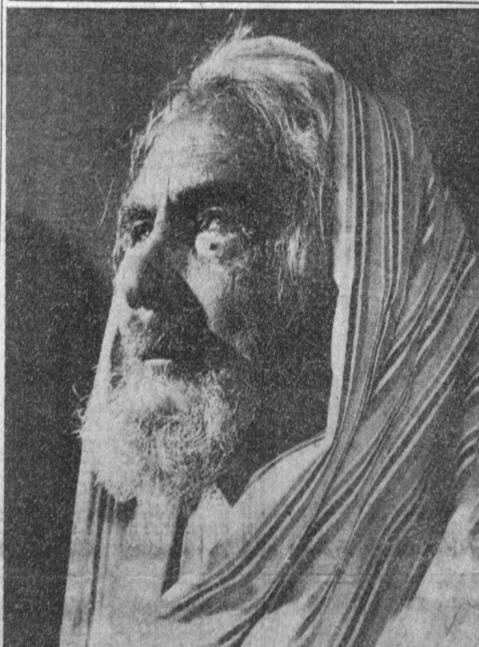
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FIRST PLACE WINNER . . . "The Pilgrim" by Joe Ulrich, 22, of 1529 West 221st st., was chosen tops in the annual Torrance Press photo contest. It is a dramatically moving shot of an old bearded visionary.

'The Pilgrim' By Ulrich Wins Press Photo Contest

Joe Ulrich, 22, of 1529 West 221st st. emerged as first place winner in the annual Torrance Press photo contest for his entry of "The Pilgrim," a dramatic study of a bearded, old visionary.

Ulrich will receive \$50 in cash awarded by the Torrance Press.

"Night Lights," by Evelyn M. Richmond, 17537 Yukon avenue, was selected in second place. The photo presents the dazzling spectacle of one of the local industries as seen by night.

Second place prize is a Kodak Deluxe Dual-Flex camera kit worth \$31.95, awarded by A-1 Photo Service, 1318 Sartori.

Third place winner is A. R. Stratton of 3326 Dalemead for his photo, "Judy," a picture of a little girl thoughtfully studying a lollipop.

Stratton will receive \$15 worth of photographic supplies from Photo Arts Studio, 1311 Post avenue.

Runners-Up

Runners-up who will receive \$5 each from Photo Arts, A-1

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Harbor City Man Injured In Ship Blast

A Harbor City man and a shipmate were taken ashore by helicopter from the ore carrier California 50 miles off Halifax Monday after they were burned seriously in an engine-room explosion.

The Harbor City man was identified as Arthur N. Wert, about 35. His uncle, Marvin Wert, lives at 1372 West First street, San Pedro.

The second man was not identified.

They were burned when a

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Marital Trouble Ends In Murder and Suicide

CHILDREN COWER IN TERROR

A 37-year-old man killed his estranged wife and then himself early Monday evening. A suicide note disclosed that he had planned to kill himself but did not wish to give his wife the satisfaction of surviving him.

The shooting took place in the bedroom of the couple's white-frame home while three daughters, a son-in-law and an infant grandchild cowered and screamed in fear and terror.

Dead are Otis White, 37, and Mrs. Helen White, 33, of 18245 Roslin ave. Witnesses to the stark drama were Patricia White, 14, and Barbara White, 16, daughters of the couple; Mrs. Charlene Burch, 17, daughter of Mrs. White; Roger Burch, 19, son-in-law, and 2-week-old Gary Burch, all of whom resided at the White home.

The Whites, according to police and members of the family, had been having family trouble. White had been separated from his wife since January. A divorce suit had been filed, according to police.

Note

A note found in White's car stated:

"I mint to kill myself but that was what Helen wanted and I thought it over and decided to do it this way for it would please Helen too much for me to let her live happy and me dye altho I hate to do it. God help me. Otis. Please forgive me Barbara and Pat."

Patricia, 14, said her father came to the house about 4:30 in the morning demanding admittance. He had been there earlier in the evening.

The girl refused White admission until her mother told her to let him in. White sat down on the edge of his wife's

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VICTIMS . . . Otis White, 37, and his wife Helen, 33, of 18245 Roslin ave.

Queen Contest Friday

The fourth annual Miss Torrance Beauty Pageant will be held Friday, July 29 in the civic auditorium, corner El Prado and Cravens, starting at 8:15 p.m. with the new "Miss Torrance" to be chosen that evening.

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Fourteen candidates have entered the contest this year. The new Miss Torrance will be crowned by Miss Norma Quine, last year's queen.

Special attractions on the program include Mary Padilla, vocalist; Sally Bridgman, dancer; Ken Bickford, magician; and Johnny Grant, popular KMPC disc jockey, who will serve as master of ceremonies.

Girls will be judged in both formals and bathing suits on the basis of figure, poise, face, voice, and charm.

Judges in this Torrance Area Youth Bands event will include Millicent Deming, owner and operator of the Millicent Deming Modeling school of Hollywood; Doug Kennedy, known as Steve Donovan, star of the Western Marshal TV series; Paul Pierce, moderator of the popular "Teenage Jury" show on KRCA; and Lois Collier, feminine star of Boston Blackie (KTTV).

Prizes

Prizes include: trophies for

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New Office Burglarized Shack Goes Up In Flames

Newly opened Park View Realty, 16000 Crenshaw blvd., was burglarized sometime Tuesday night, with a new \$300 electric Victor adding machine, a new sports jacket, and a \$75 overcoat reported stolen, according to Clayton T. Hobbs, owner.

Free Bus Rides During Dollar Days

Free bus rides into town are being offered local residents by Torrance merchants this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, in conjunction with another spectacular dollar-days week end.

So that as many local residents as possible may take advantage of the many bargains featured, special bus routes have been added for the three days, according to Carl C. Duncan of the Retail Merchants' association of the Chamber of Commerce.

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One bus coupon will bring shoppers into town free of charge from any stop in the 15-cent zone. This coupon does not have to be validated.

The second coupon, taking the shopper back home, will be good for a free ride when validated by one of the cooperating merchants.

These three dollar days promise to be a buyer's paradise. Merchants are slashing prices right and left in order to offer residents quality bargains at the lowest costs possible.

In addition to the regular store hours, stores will also be open Friday night until 9 p.m.

totally destroyed a shack on Sepulveda blvd., near Marjorie, according to Torrance Fire Department officials.

No loss figures were estimated since the shack was allegedly to be demolished anyway.



READY for the big dollar day week-end is Sally Moore of 824 Beech st., Torrance. Residents are being offered free bus rides and special bus routes to enable them to take advantage of the three bargain-packed dollar days.

\$ —Dollar Days This Week-End . . . Shop Here! — \$